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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) The progress chart of infrastructural development during each of the last three years upto December 12, 2000 alongwith the projected objectives in that regard;

(b) the reasons, if any, for slow down in the infrastructure sector; in the above period; and

(c) steps the Government proposed to be taken to give a fillip to the infrastructure in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) The progress chart in respect of infrastructure development during each of the last three financial years along-with the projected objectives is given at Annexure.

(b) From the enclosed Annexure, it can be seen that though there had been shortfall in Actuals as compared to the Annual Plan targets, in some sectors, overall there has been no slow down in the infrastructure sector during the above period. In fact, Actuals during April - December period given in the Annexure show upward trend.

(c) The Ninth Five Year Plan recognizes the significance of infrastructure,especially , Power, Telecommunication, Railways, Roads and Ports for development process. The investment needs of infrastructure greatly exceed resources likely to be available. The Ninth Five Year Plan, therefore, emphasizes far reaching reforms in the infrastructure sectors, mobilisation of private investment to supplement the public effort, achievement of higher operational efficiency and introduction of appropriate user charges.

ANNEXURE

Trends in the Performance of Infrastructure Sectors

Sector	Unit	1998-99 Target	1998-99 Actual	1999-2000 Target	2000-01 Prov. Target	April - Dec.
I. Energy						
1.Coal production	Million Tonnes	306.50	292.16	301.80	300.00	308.07 (206.7) 218.20 (207.3)
2. Electricity generated (Utilities only)	Billion Unit	450.00 (330.8)	448.37 (355.7)	469.00	480.01	499.00 372.60
3. Petroleum (crude oil production)	Million Tonnes	31.55 (24.40)	32.71 (24.30)	33.02	32.00	31.99 24.50
II. Transport and Communications						

1. Railway revenue earning goods traffic	Million Tonnes	450.00 (306.3)	420.90	450.00 (330.7)	456.40	475.00	347.80
2.Cargo handled at major ports	Million Tonnes	258.00 (184.3)	251.72	258.00 (201.4)	271.90	290.00	209.20
3. Telecommunications							
(New telephone connections provided-DELs) lines	Lakh	36.00 (16.50)	37.92	45.50 (21.99)	49.18	57.90	28.55

Source: Economic Survey 2000-2001 (Chapter 9, Table 9.1, Page no. 171), Planning Commission Annual Plan Document 1998-99, 1999-2000,

2000-01 and Mid-Term Appraisal of Ninth Five Year Plan

NOTE: ( ) The figures in brackets indicates actuals during April - December of the year concerned